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Bangor, January 25 (AP). Former US Senator, Owen Brewster (R. Me.), said tonight that FBI Director, J. Edgar Hoover, should have been named head of the super-secret Central Intelligence Agency.

"It is no reflection on those in charge of the Central Intelligence Agency," Brewster said, "to suggest that professional training and experience of the highest order is imperative in dealing with the problem of world-wide intelligence."

Brewster's address was prepared for a dinner which climaxed a joint session of the Maine Police Chief Association and FBI officials.

The head of the CIA, a hush-hush agency which is charged with keeping up with developments behind the Iron Curtain, is Allen W. Dulles, brother of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. Allen Dulles was appointed CIA chief two years ago by President Eisenhower after serving seventeen months as Deputy Director.

"During the second World War" Brewster said, "Hoover was given charge of intelligence in South America. His organization was a marvel of invincible penetration of key spots."

"Promptly following the war, this great organization was liquidated."

"Events in the field of intelligence since then have more than vindicated the judgment of those who believed that the demonstrated genius of Director Hoover in this field should have placed him at the head of the Central Intelligence Agency that was formed to coordinate all our intelligence activities in the world."

"British and Russian intelligence agencies have set standards that America might well expect to exceed under the guidance of J. Edgar Hoover."